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Dear friend:

I have just received your letter of Feb. 18th. It was very nice to hear from you. Funny thing is I had planned to write you this week. The Eagles seem to be the only team that is pessimistic about the outlook for baseball for this year. That is with reservations. I think we might do alright playing weekend baseball and letting the men stay in defence work. I realize you may have a different outlook in the west where you will be able to play nights. I believe a lot of our teams are planning to play nights, and I hope they will be able too, but will they?

If we are all alone in thinking this it will not be the first time we have been alone. If we can use the lights in Wash. Balto. and Philly, fine, but as I said before I am pessimistic. I personally feel that if our baseball can play weekends and let the men stay in defence plants, they will be much better off. However I guess we will just have to sit and wait and see what this month brings.

Now the main reason for this letter, I want you to get me the names, addresses, and draft board number if possible, of all the ballplayers who are planning to go to Mexico. I am working on something that might do us some good. There is no question they are planning to go if they can. One of my men has already left his defence job, and is taking a rest before leaving. Iant that something. I expect to go to Washington and see someone important. Could you arrange to meet me there if it is done? Do you think there would be a chance to get Tom to come?

Please let me hear from you right away. Especially send the information I asked for even if I am not successful. It is worth the try.

Very Truly Yours